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## President's Riffle

### End of the Year Summery

Danferd Henke, President, Washington Fly Fishing Club

### New Club Officers and Trustees

The end of a year and the start of a new is always a time of change and it's no different for our Club. At our November meeting, we elected officers and trustees for 2025. Your Club officers for 2025 are: President, Danferd Henke, First Vice-President – Membership, Jim Beck, Second Vice-President – Programs, Neal Hoffberg, Third Vice-President – Fundraising, Suzanne Johnston, Treasurer, Dale Lange, Secretary, Coreen Wilson, Ghillie, Peter Schuitemaker, and Second Ghillie, John Duffy. Also joining the Board as trustees, for three-year terms are Tom Neu and Jerry Kindinger. Many thanks to all of you who have stepped up to positions with the Club and especially to this year's Nominating Committee, led by Jerry Kindinger. They did great work.



We also have some departures from the Board. Kurt Peterson is taking a rest after serving as our treasurer for three years. Shelley Scheff is our retiring secretary, after two years. Gary Corra is passing on the fundraising job. Jay Deeds and Pat Becker are leaving after serving as trustees for three years. Thank all of you so much, we all have appreciated all that you have done for the Club.

### Winter Doldrums?

It's also that time of year when rain, wind, and cold

temperatures discourage fishing, at least locally, but encourage a bit of thought and introspection. It would be helpful if we all could consider what we would like this Club to accomplish in the coming year. I'm putting together a list of ideas and thoughts of ways the Club can add value to a Club

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## Officers for 2025

**President** -- Danferd Henke

**First VP - Membership** -- Jim Beck

**Second VP - Programs** -- Neal Hoffberg

**Third VP -- Fundraising** -- Suzanne Johnston

**Secretary** -- Coreen Wilson

**Treasurer** -- Dale Lange

**First Ghillie** -- Peter Schuitemaker

**Second Ghillie** -- John Duffy

**Trustee** -- Tom Neu

**Trustee** -- Jerry Kindinger



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membership in the next twelve months. I hope to present that to the Board at our first meeting in January and I'm soliciting your input on that question. Drop me an email at [danferd.henke@gmail.com](mailto:danferd.henke@gmail.com) with your suggestions.

And don't forget to go fishing between thoughts. I love fishing the South Sound beaches in winter (appropriately dressed). Sometimes you'll fish in rain, sometimes in snow, and you may not catch a darn thing, but you'll be outside and fishing and you'll encounter few others. You'll find me out there on New Year's Day, hoping to start the year with a fish!

### Monthly Meeting Location

In 2024, the Club's monthly meetings will be held at the Seattle Tennis Club, 922 McGilvra Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112.

Wet Fly and fly tying commence at 5:30, dinner 6:15, with a program commencing at 7:00.

Please sign up early on the website.



*Most of the world is covered by water. A fisherman's job is simple:  
Pick out the best parts.*

-Charles W. Waterman

### WFFC Fly Tying Competition Is On!

#### 2025 Boyd Aigner Fly Tying Competition Continues

*From Bill Neal, Awards Chair*

Accordingly, the 2025 Competition is now officially underway. The Competition is open to all Club members and to other individuals participating in programs sponsored or supported by the Club, such as Project Healing Waters.

These are the 2025 patterns for the Competition:

- Damsselfly, adult, size 14
- Royal Humpy, size 14
- Herring streamer, flatwing style (size 4 Gamakatsu B10's hook suggested)



Flies will be due by January 31. Judging will occur at the February members' meeting and the award presented at the March meeting.

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## Creel Notes

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#### **President**

Danferd Henke

#### **1st Vice President (Membership)**

Jim Beck

#### **2nd Vice President (Programs)**

Neal Hoffberg

#### **3rd Vice President (Christmas Party)**

Gary Corra

#### **Treasurer**

Kurt Peterson

#### **Secretary**

Shelly Scheff

#### **Ghillie 1**

Peter Schuitemaker

#### **Ghillie 2**

Open

#### **Trustees**

Chapin Henry, Jay Deeds, Pat Becker, Deborah Katz, Mike Moscynski, John Gravendyk, Dave Spratt (Past President)

#### **Creel Notes Editor**

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### Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
3. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout, steelhead, and salmon in state waters.
4. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
5. To encourage and assist others—particularly young persons of high school age—to become fly fishers and true conservationists.

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places.

Bob Burdick and I will be the Coordinators for the Competition.

Thank you for participating and good luck!

### FFI Conservation Effort

#### 'You Can Help Make a Difference' Olympic Peninsula Rivers Campaign

*From Neal Hoffberg, 2nd Vice President - Programs Friends,*

This year the Washington Council of Fly Fishers International joined a coalition of outdoor and environmental groups in a campaign to restore salmon and steelhead habitat on the Olympic Peninsula. Now we need your help to move it ahead.

The Wild Olympics campaign would preserve fish habitat and public fishing access by designating key river drainages on the peninsula as Wild and Scenic Rivers and expanding wilderness areas around Olympic National Park. Federal legislation implementing the plan passed out of a Senate committee last spring. Now FFI needs your help urging Washington Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to push it to a vote on the Senate floor.



We are so close to making the Wild Olympics a reality this year. That's why we are asking FFI members to help get Wild Olympics over the finish line before this Congress ends in December. We've made it easy. Click on the link below to open a letter to Sens. Murray and Cantwell. You are free to change the letter to reflect your views or simply sign and send. All personal information will be kept confidential.

The Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild & Scenic Rivers Act protects the habitat on which we can rebuild salmon and steelhead runs. It preserves our fishing access. It widens stream buffers. It improves water quality and builds upon dam removal efforts that are already helping restore peninsula fish runs. You can keep the progress going by urging Sens. Murray and Cantwell to push the Wild Olympics Act to a vote. Your letter can help make a difference in this campaign.

Please act today.

### Seasons Greeting Note



Wishing you and all of our friends at Washington Fly Fishing Club a happy holiday season.

On behalf of UW School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, thank you to the Washington Fly Fishing Club for your shared values and connection to fish and regional waterways. I enjoyed meeting your group at the Seattle Tennis Club this summer to talk about the Alaska Salmon Program.

Also, I'm glad to serve as a relationship bridge to the future speaker we lined up to present to your group, Professor Tom Quinn. His understanding of salmon, trout and fish of all kinds is unparalleled, and I hope you all enjoy that unique opportunity to celebrate kinship with aquatic life.

Feel free to reach out to me again.

Next year, when Tom presents as a speaker to your group, I encourage you to make a gift in honor of him to the fund established in his name. You could put this in the memo line - [O'Neill Quinn Aquatic and Fishery Sciences Endowed Immersive Learning Fund](#) - END-129475. His email to contact him directly is [tquinn@uw.edu](mailto:tquinn@uw.edu).

Thank you, and happy fishing!

Warm regards,

Ben

### Fishing Reports



**None this month**

Warm fireplace vs. a cold butt on some lake or river?  
You pick.

**Smart bunch, this club**

## Future Planning for 2025 Holiday Fundraiser Commences!

*From Suzanne Johnston, Third Vice President-Fundraising*



2025

Planning for our **2025** Holiday Party is underway and will precede our January 21 club meeting.

All club members please mark your calendar as we confirm the clubs availability for a meeting at 4:30 on Jan 21 to share your ideas of what works and what can be improved. The committee will take these suggestions to plan our **2025** event.

If you can't attend, please email your suggestions to me.

Hope to see you there!

Suzanne Johnston

Third Vice President-Fundraising

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# 2024 Holiday Fundraiser Dinner



My understanding Pete Baird recited his annual Robert Service poem, this years poem: The Shooting of Dan McGrew . Kris Kristoferson served as the Master of Ceremonies















**And A Good Time Was Had By All**



### **2025 Beginning Fly Tying Class - March 29th and 30th**

*From Neal Hoffberg , 2nd Vice President-Programs*

This year we are continuing the popular WFFC Beginning Fly Tying Class. The class will be held on two consecutive days: March 29th and 30th (Saturday and Sunday). Class times are 9:00AM until 4:30PM, including a 90-minute BYO lunch. The location will be at a private eastside house. (Address to be given to enrollees via email). Cost is \$80. Non-members and members are welcome. Class size is limited to 8.



Each student will be given a well written and illustrated Fly Tying Manual that includes a DVD on each fly being taught. You will learn to tie a San Juan Worm, Zebra Midge, the Brasie, Woolly Bugger, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, Rubber-Legged Beetle and Elk-Hair Caddis. All tying materials will be provided. Tools and vises will be available for your use in the classes.

Additionally, we will guide you in choosing the appropriate tools and materials as you continue your journey in fly tying.

Sign up early to ensure your place!





## December Fly of the Month

### Blue Dun Chromer



- Hook:** Daiichi 1760, size 12  
**Thread:** UTC, 70 denier  
**Butt:** Wine-colored thread  
**Body:** Blue Dun-colored thread  
**Thorax:** Black thread  
**Gill:** Antron yarn  
**Rib Body:** Fine black wire  
**Coating:** Coat with Loctite brushable Super Glue, finish with a coat of Sally Hansen clear fingernail polish

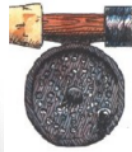
## Good Info

### Hook Size to Bead Size

HOOK SIZE	BEAD SIZE
#22-26	1/16 inch (1.5 mm)
#18-22	5/64 inch (2.0 mm)
#16-18	3/32 inch (2.5 mm)
#14-16	7/64 inch (3.0 mm)
#12-14	1/8 inch (3.5 mm)
# 8-10	5/32 inch (4.0 mm)

Note: This is a universal measurement chart, but some beads may not fit on the hook size listed because of variations in hook models.

## Reeling in the Years



### Pattern of the Month

*From Creel Notes October 1976*

*By the late Vince Sellen*

### Hot Buttered Rum

**Type:** Wet

**Timing:** Best during cold damp days.

**Drink Preparation:** A heaping teaspoon of spiced batter, add 2 oz. rum (Coachman brown preferred). Fill preheated mug to the brim with hot water. Sort of caress the lip of the mug with lemon before serving or add a bit of lemon peel to the mixture. Sprinkle the top with a touch of nutmeg.

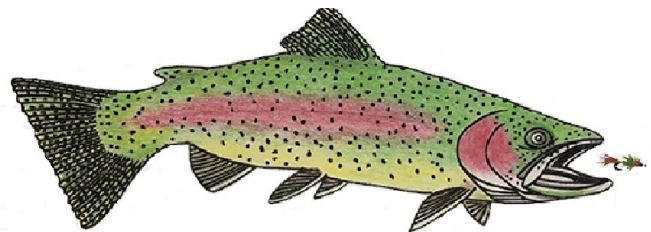
**Batter:** Cream 1/4 pound of butter with 1 pound of dark brown sugar. Add 1/4 teaspoon each, ground cinnamon, ground nutmeg and ground cloves. To store refrigerate in covered container.



Sit back and quietly dream about the big ones you're going to catch this coming season. This pattern won't account for a single trout but after 2 or 3 of these you won't give a damn.

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

-John 21:3



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